



Hypophthalmichthys nobilis

Bighead carp

General

1. Deep-bodied, laterally compressed fish with big head growing to 140cm

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: China and Russia
2. Habitat:
 - Climate: temps 0.5° - 38°C, brackish water of 6-12 ppt
 - Found in lakes, rivers, and reservoirs



Photo: U.S. Geological Survey

<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/factsheet.aspx?SpeciesID=551>

Invasion Pathways

1. Aquaculture, landscape/fauna ‘improvement’, live food trade, dispersed locally via intentional release

Sources

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